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"SCHOOLS ARE OPEN DRIVE CARESFULLY APPOMATTOX DOESN'T HAVE A CHILD TO SPARE."

Letter To The Editor

The Editor, Times Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Dear Sir:

This is an open letter to the public and a heartfelt plea from a mother of five children (4 in school) for safer driving speeds and habits especially during the hours from 8 to 9 a. m. and 3 to 4 p. m.

Here is a short summary of dangerous occasions concerning only one of the thousands of school buses on Virginia highways.

Mrs. Katherine Wingfield drives bus 30 from Appomattox to Vera and the Buckingham County line area. She is a very capable driver and is to be commended for her efforts on September 19. Her quick thinking, no doubt, saved the lives of the children on her bus when a truck loaded with wood hit a pick-up truck as she was stopped to discharge a child. She quickly moved the bus off Highway 24 so as to avoid being rammed in the side.

The week before this a car-load of young people failed to stop for the flagman and bus when they were attempting to get several children across the road to their homes safely.

Again on September 20, as she was stopped to pick up children, a car coming up behind the bus applied the brakes, turned side ways, and slid several feet before the bus and off the road.

As I stated, this is the dangerous situations surrounding only one school bus. There have been others that were'nt so blessed or lucky.

I love my children as most parents love theirs so let's do something! Although I pray daily for our driver and the children's safety, I am still very concerned about the carelessness of others.

Isn't there something concerned parents can do about this situation? How about a law allowing speeds no more than 35 miles per hour during the hours that school buses are on the road? How about flashing warning signs stating school bus stop ahead? What about stiff fines or jail sentences for all offenders involving a school bus?

Please help us keep our children safe. . . drive carefully all the time but especially so where a school bus is involved.

There is talk and more talk about ecology, the world situation, conservation problems, etc. that our youngster face in the future but what is more important than conserving their lives so they, at least, have a chance to face that future.

A Concerned Mother
Mrs. Pauline K. Gunter
Appomattox, Va. 24522

HOLLYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Vernon Hill Sunday afternoon.

Those visiting Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday were her son, Mr. Elmo Banton of Richmond, Mrs. Alpha Carter, Mr. and mrs. Harold Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Shupe, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Baltimore spent the week end with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins were Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jenkins and Miss Cynthia Jenkins.

Mrs. Charlie Bagby spent Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night with the W. H. Wingfields. Mrs. Bagby has been on the sick list for several days but she is feeling better now.

Mrs. M. L. Covington has moved into her beautiful new home on Rt. 2. We congratulate her and wish for her much happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanenkrat of Richmond spent a few days last week with Mrs. Covington.

Mrs. James Conner visited Mrs. W. T. Covington Sunday night.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the L. H. Watson home last week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall and Mr. and Frank Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman were supper guest Monday night of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb visited Mrs. A. G. Hancock and family and Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday afternoon.

Lisa Woodall visited her cousin Susan Woodall on Rt. 2. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jenkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin's mother and sister, Mrs. Addie Jenkins and Mrs. Ber Abbitt Sunday. They called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins also.

Mrs. Robert Morris and Bruce, Mr. John Henry Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson were dinner guest Wed. of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family.

Those visiting Mrs. Charlie Bagby Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William and the W. H. Wingfields.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Robert smith visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week end.

Visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Covington Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Ruby Webb had the misfortune to cut her hand last week. We hope she may soon be well.

Among those visiting Mrs. M. L. Covington in her new home were Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woodall and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. Robert Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Conner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

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LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor Speaks

"CHURCHES GOING TO THE DOGS."

I Tim. 3:14-15 "these things write I – that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave theyself in the House of God –".

Some years ago the Associated Press carried this story, "fifty dogs and cats received blessings today at a Church service without letting out a bark, whimper, or meow. One by one the animals and their owners marched toward their communion rail where the Minister awaited them. Placing his hand on the head of the animals, he prayed 'Bless oh Lord this thy pet and grant that he may always be a joy to the human companion'. About 150 persons attended the service. 'Never has there been a more distinguished congregation in this Church', the minister remarked jokingly as he looked down the isle at rows of poodles, boxers, collies and Mongrels. His own dog, Skeezix, a regular visitor, stood quietly while the Pastor spoke. There was no noise, no barks, no growls, no disorder. It was a very quiet dignified service.'

I would say that this church has "gone to the dogs". What a tragedy to become so sidetracked that instead of preaching the Word of God for the spiritual needs of man, the "House of God" is used as a blessing station for animals. Although the Church mentioned above presents a most extreme situation it should warn us of the ever present danger of Local Churches being diverted from their primary function. Most Churches would never think of a dog and cat service but they are often drawn into social events, fun raising programs, banquets and similar activities, and their real work is neglected.

The New Testament Church faithfully preached the Word of God, exalted Christ and observed the ordinances. The believers had fellowship one with another, were spiritually fed and thus were enabled to witness for Christ and win others to the Saviour. Any congregation which departs from these simple truths is "going to the dogs". Let us do our part, therefore, to keep the local Church on the firm foundation as laid down in the Word of God. The world at its worst demands a Church at its best.

The Churches are foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From Heaven He came, and sought her to be his Holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died."

Earnie W. Lucas; Pastor
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Appomattox, Va. 24522

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comments on the International Sunday School Lesson for October 1, 1972. Social Change: Mass Communications Background Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32; Philippians 4:8-9, 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25

When the apostle Paul went on his missionary journeys, there were no newspapers to announce his arrival in town or to report his persecution or his sermons. There was no radio on which he could broadcast messages far beyond the carrying power of his voice into homes and places of work. There was no television on which he could be seen and heard by millions. There have come about, largely in the century in which we are living, radical changes in the means of communication, which have made the world one neighborhood. What happens almost anywhere in the world can be known to the farthest reaches of earth in a matter of minutes.

Though the apostle Paul knew nothing of the mass communications which are commonplace to us in 1972, some of the advice and guidance he gave to Christians in the first century, A.D., are pertinent and applicable to our use of these communications media today.

With the development and use of mass communications have come serious and weighty questions of credibility. The media have a vast potential for influencing human thought and action, not only from the way in which the news is reported but also from the way advertising is presented. What shall we believe? is a question news reports and advertising raise in the minds of millions. Of even greater concern is the acceptance by many of what they see and hear through the media without question. The Scripture texts for today's International Sunday School lesson are pertinent to these questions.

It would be trite, were it not so vital to all humanity, to say that great and continuing battles are being waged for the minds of people. There are those who want to convince as many as they can of the rightness of their side and persuade others to agree with them. There are those who want to get as many people as possible to buy their product or use their service. This fall we are seeing this effort to convince and persuade in a particularly virulent form, in the appeals of political candidates. The effort is made in religion too.

The claims and counter claims, the appeals and contrary appeals, the presentations of the same event or circumstance in different lights or in different interpretations confuse and may really misinform. They may create distorted impressions which result in mistaken conclusions.

Today's lesson has something to say to both those who are the targets in the battle for mind and to those who aim at that target. In one paragraph of the letter to the Ephesians the need is shown to be prepared to deal intelligently with controversies and the persuasive allurements of cunning men. Each individual should prepare himself to appraise wisely, to judge prudently, and to discriminate fairly among what is given him in the effort to win his mind. This preparation, though, cannot be fully adequate to cope with the bombardment through mass communications of those who seek to capture the human mind.

Those who seek to influence the minds of people have an obligation and a responsibility also, which is summarized in the letter to the Ephesians, "putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor ..." While this counsel is applicable to every one, to none is it more so than to those who are in positions to influence many through the mass communications media. It is a matter of conscience and responsibility for Christians who are in these media to speak the truth in love, to refrain from distortion, to resist the temptation to sensationalize or to be misleading in the interest of ratings or circulation, to be free from the influence of special interest groups, and to be free from the influence of Christian special interest groups. Christ is the supreme pattern.

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L. L. Stewart, Jr. stands between two replicates of Oats, Roanoke on the left and Compact on the right. Note difference in height of the two varieties.

Which Oat Variety For Hay?

By J. A. Smith
Extension Agent

So you're going to grow small grain for hay. Which small grain do you plant? Or better yet, which variety of small grain do you plant?

L. L. Stewart, Jr. who owns a farm in the Evergreen Community raised these question with this writer several years ago. There was no research to answer these question, since most small grain research relates to grain yield, disease resistance, and winter hardness. After all, a very high percentage of small grain is grown for grain and for most farmers this information would be academic.

Stewart said, "then lets find out. I'll plant a series of strips and harvest them if you'll have the data processed at VPI & SU".

With this background the grains selected were Blueboy Wheat and Roanoke and Compact Oats. Prior to seeding the site was plowed and disced twice. 700 pounds of 20-10-10 was broadcast and grain planted October 14. The Oat varieties were seeded at the rate of three bushels per acre and the Blueboy Wheat at one-bushel per acre. A total of ten replications of each variety was planted.

On June 13 six samples were collected from alternate strips of each variety. A sample consisted of seven square feet. The cut was made two inches above ground level.

The results were amazing since Roanoke Oats grow at least 12 inches taller than Compact. Blueboy is a high yielding wheat so a high yield could be anticipated. Here we need to recognize that in determining the results we need to recognize that Compact has more winter hardness than Roanoke therefore, a planting made in October favored Compact. Also, we need to recognize that a large percentage of the total digestable nutrients would come from the grain rather than the stem and leaves (straw).

Blueboy wheat averaged 8.9 tons of dry matter, .64 tons of crude protein and 4.6 tons of TDN.

Roanoke Oats averaged 5.3 tons of dry matter, .40 tons of crude protein and 3.3 tons of TDN.

Since Oats are more often raised for hay than wheat lets compare the two varieties. There was two more tons of feed and as indicated earlier this is largely because of better survival. Roanoke is rated only fair for hardness.

There was 460 additional pounds of crude protein produced in the compact variety. Based on crude protein being currently worth about 15 cents a pound, this along was worth $69.

However, oat hay is not produced for its protein content but for total nutrients. Compact again came through with 2600 pounds more nutrients.

This is data from one situation and for one year - we need additional tests for a final conclusion.

Other Appomattox farmers like Carter Martin, and Ed Harvey are growing Compact Oats. Just because they are short - Don't sell them short. They may have a place in your grain and forage program.

GLADSTONE

Prayer on entering church.
Make us over! Make us Kind.
Let no lonely stranger find.
Lack of handclasp, or pass unwelcomed through the door.
Let the whole week sweeter be.
For this hour we spent with thee.

Mr. Billy Quinn is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital where he had surgery on Friday. Friends hope he will soon recover.

The revival is in progress at St. James Methodist Church this week. On Sunday they had Homecoming. Several choirs sang Sunday evening, Liberty Chapel, Mineral Springs and Gladstone.

The Nelson Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Elizabeth Wright on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Bea Wallace and Mrs. Emily Akers visited Mr. Buck Wallace in Buckingham on Sunday evening.

Saturday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle were Mr. and Mrs. George Spiggle, Jr. and Mr. George Spiggle Sr. from Richmond, Mrs. Lewis Harris Doug and David, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris and Kirk.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mr. Carlyle Phelps is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital. We hope he may soon recover.

Mr. Sam Thornhill has returned home from the hospital. Friends hope he may soon recover.

Sunday dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris were Mr. and Mrs. George Spiggle, Jr., Mr. George Spiggle, Sr. of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris Doug and David and Miss Callie Harris.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. George Spiggle, Jr. Mr. George Spiggle, Sr. of Richmond, Mr. Ray Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter and Mr. Pat Hieks.

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MONDAY
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TOWN OF APPOMATTOX

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad officially begins its Annual Fund Drive in the town of Appomattox on Monday night, October 2nd. Leave your porch light on, the latch string out and your dogs tied-up - The Rescue Squad'll be coming your way!

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